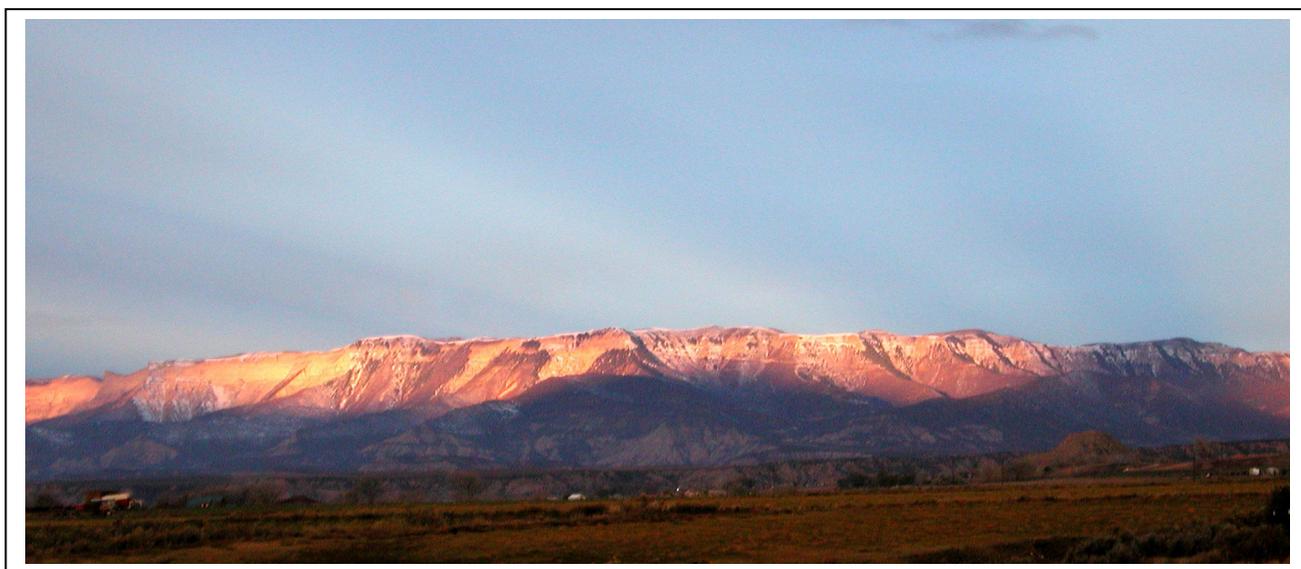


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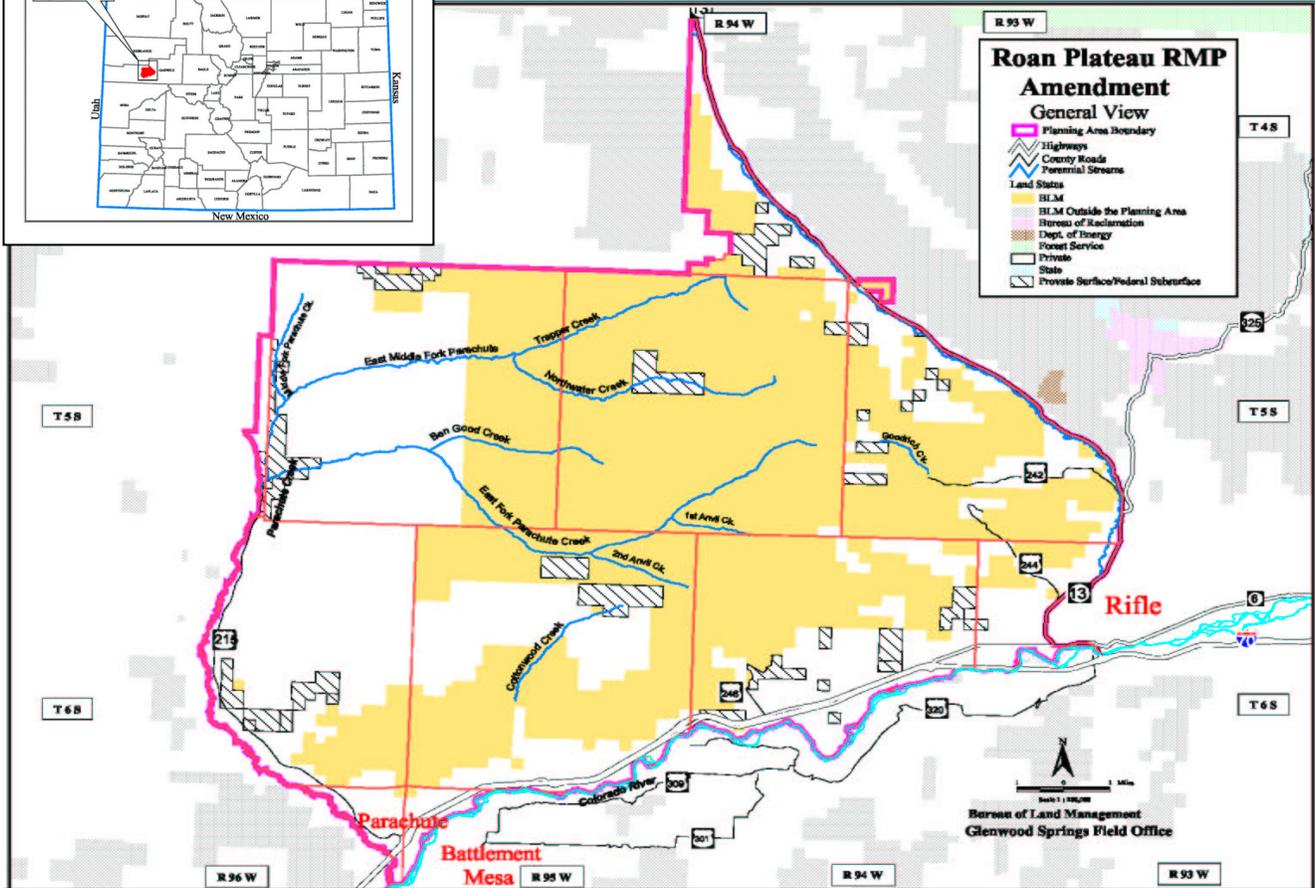
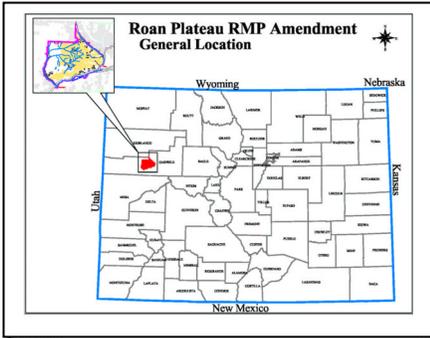
Including Former NOSRs 1&3

Briefing



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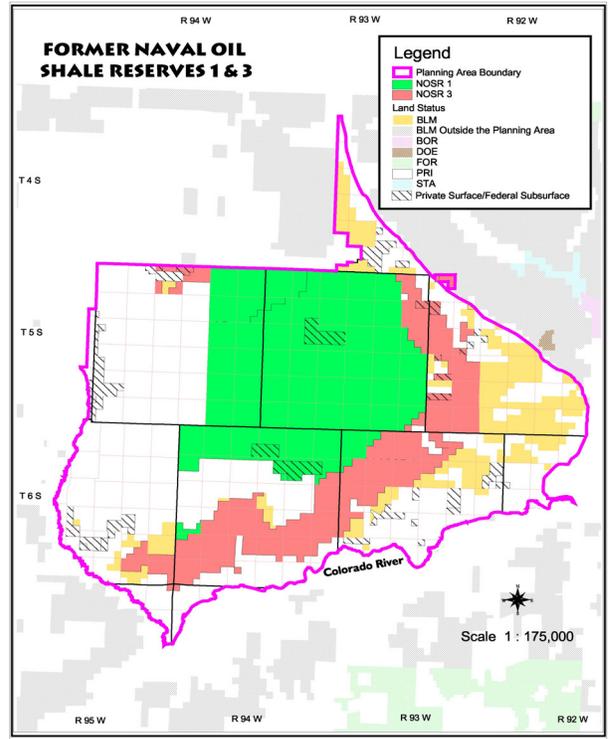


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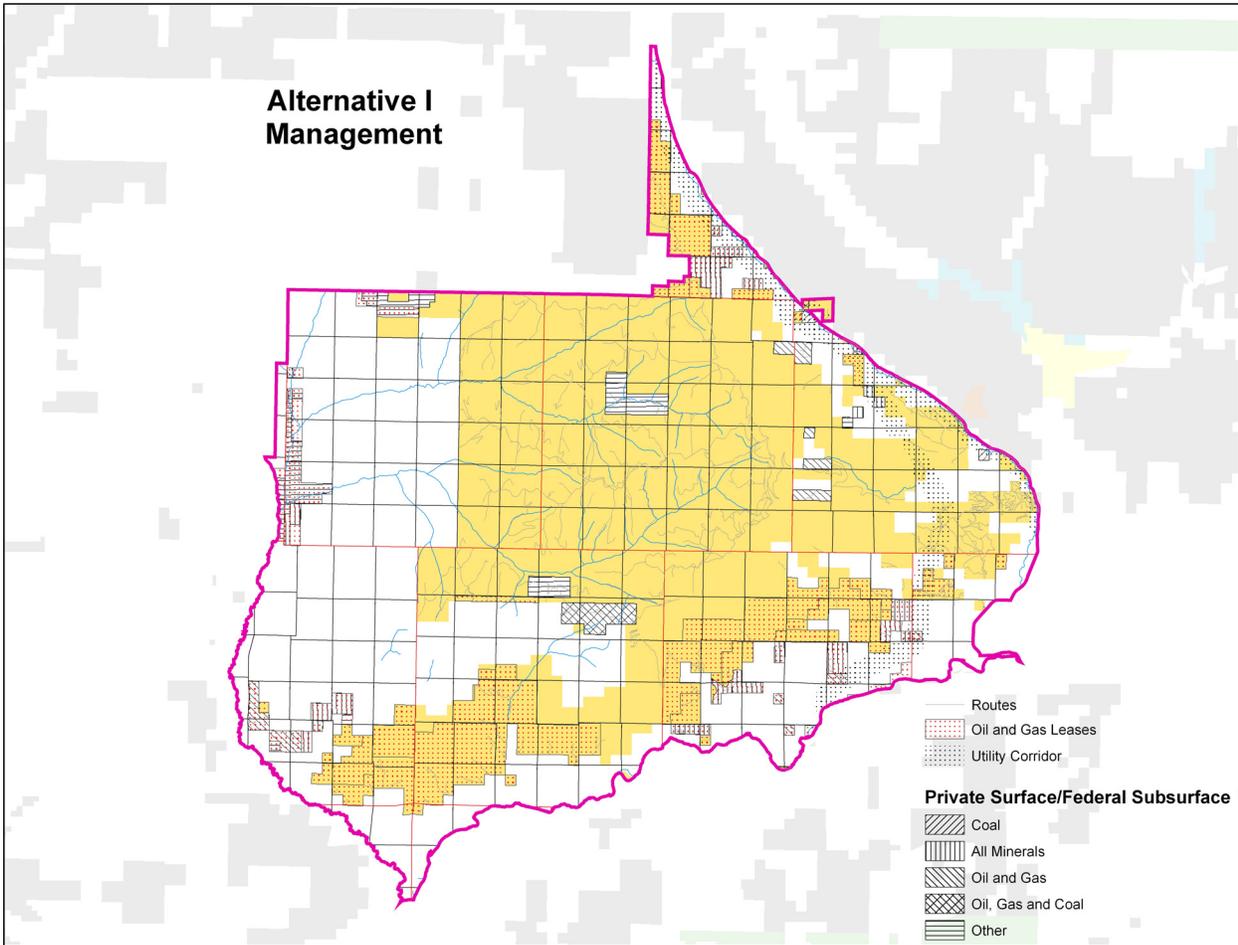
- 73,602 Federal acres
- 66,934 acres Federal Surface/Federal Subsurface
- 6,668 acres Private Surface/Federal Subsurface

**Transfer Act –
Public Law 105-85**

- NOSR 1 & 3 (56,238 acres) from DOE to BLM (November 18, 1997).
- Enter into leases for the exploration, development, and production of petroleum, (other than oil shale) as soon as practicable (production area within one year).
- Manage under FLPMA.
- RMP/EIS Amendment 1999, production area leased, APDs approved, development occurring.



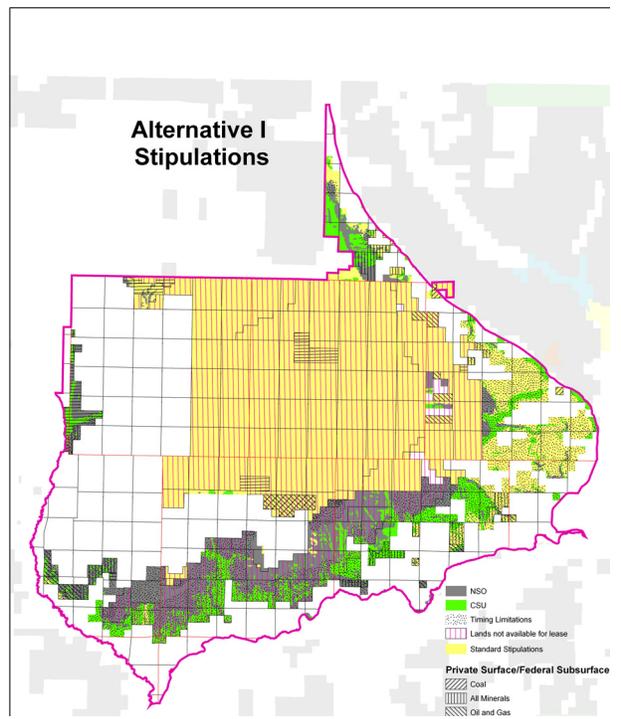
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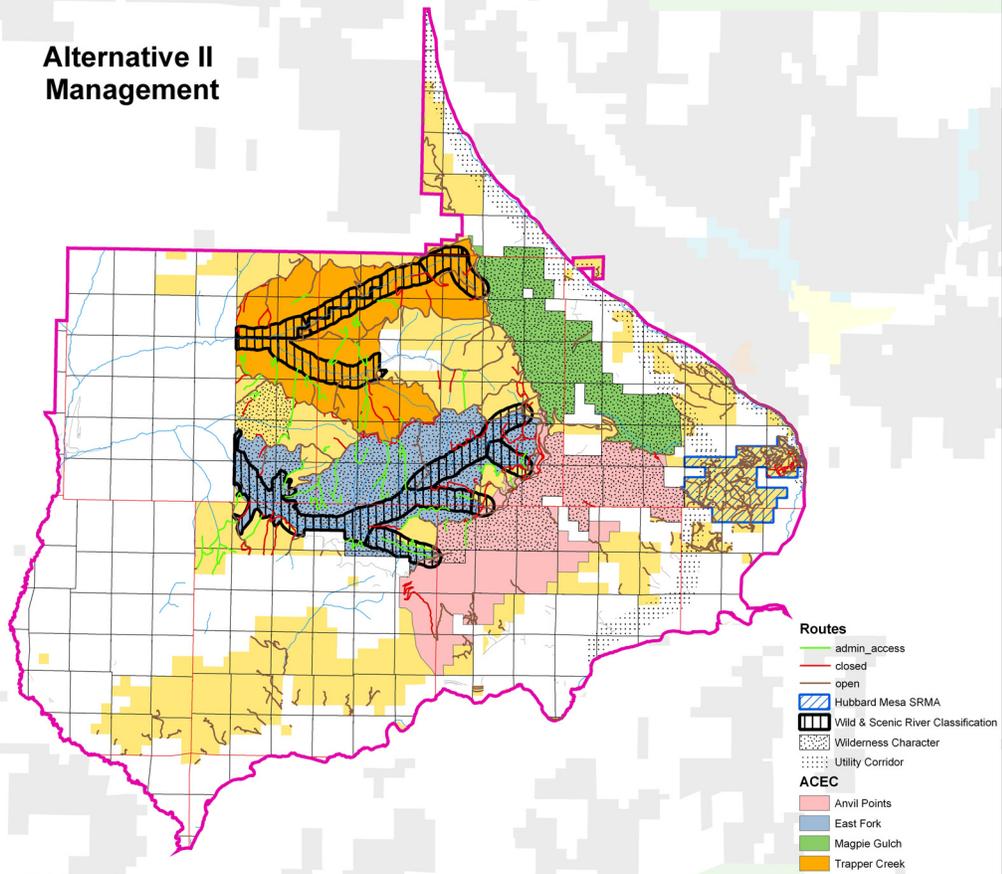
Alternative I, No Action -- Current Management

- 29,335 acres available for oil & gas leasing
- Lands of NOSR 1 on top of the plateau (44,267 acres) not available for oil and gas leasing.
- Open travel management designation
- 5 month big game timing limitation

Alternative I Stipulations



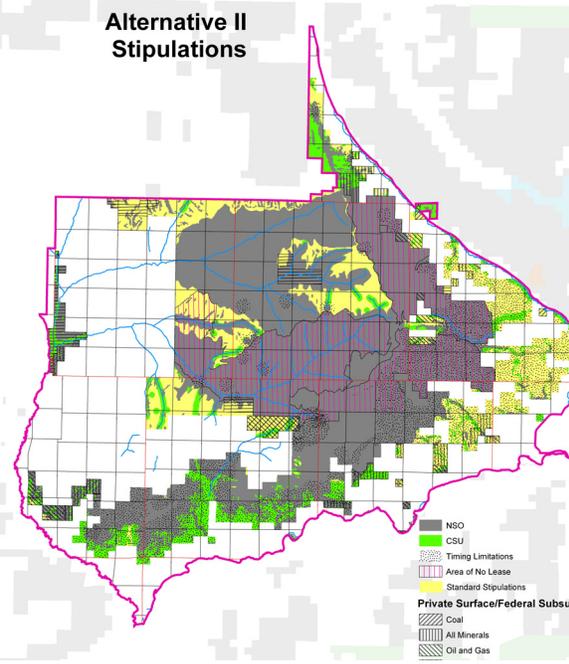
Alternative II Management



Alternative II

- Mineral leasing on 52,220 acres.
- No leasing on 21,382 acres to protect resource values.
- Designation of 4 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) (36,184 acres) with no surface occupancy stipulations to protect fisheries, plants, & visual resources.
- Travel allowed on designated routes
- 5 month big game timing limitation.

Alternative II Stipulations

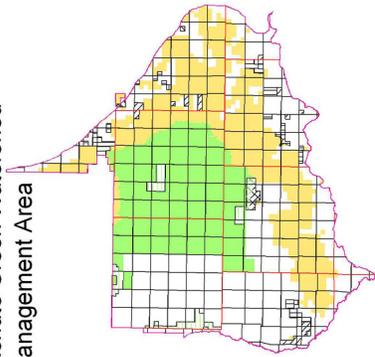


Alternative III (Preferred Alternative)

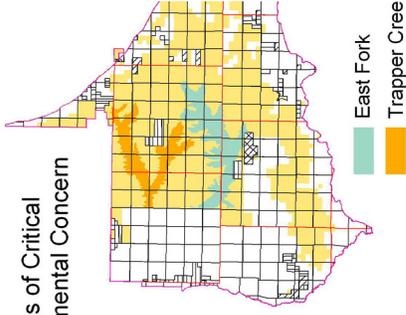
- **All lands available for Oil & Gas leasing (73,602 acres).**
- **Oil & Gas leasing on the top of the plateau (34,758 acres) only after 80% of the total wells anticipated below the rim under this alternative during the 20-year life of the RMPA have been effectively completed to total depth and a production test performed.**
- **Ecological, visual and recreational values protected while making all lands available for leasing over time.**
- **2 ACECs (East Fork Parachute Creek & Trapper/Northwater Creek) for portions of the two principal watersheds on top of the plateau with no surface occupancy and controlled surface use stipulations (11,529 acres).**
- **Parachute Watershed Management Area will be managed to protect important water supplies, wildlife, fisheries and botanical resources (29,073 acres).**
- **Roadlessness and naturalness will be protected in portions of the East Fork of Parachute Creek, Northeast Cliffs and Southeast Cliffs (9,100 acres in 5 polygons).**
- **Travel allowed on designated routes including Hubbard Mesa Special Recreation Management Area (2,460 acres).**
- **5 month big game timing limitation.**

Alternative III Management

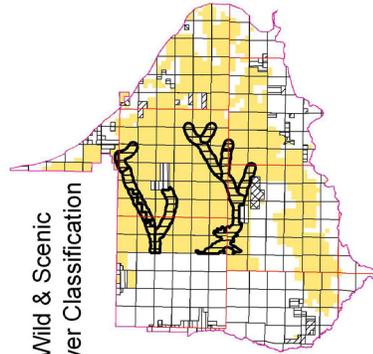
Parachute Creek Watershed Management Area



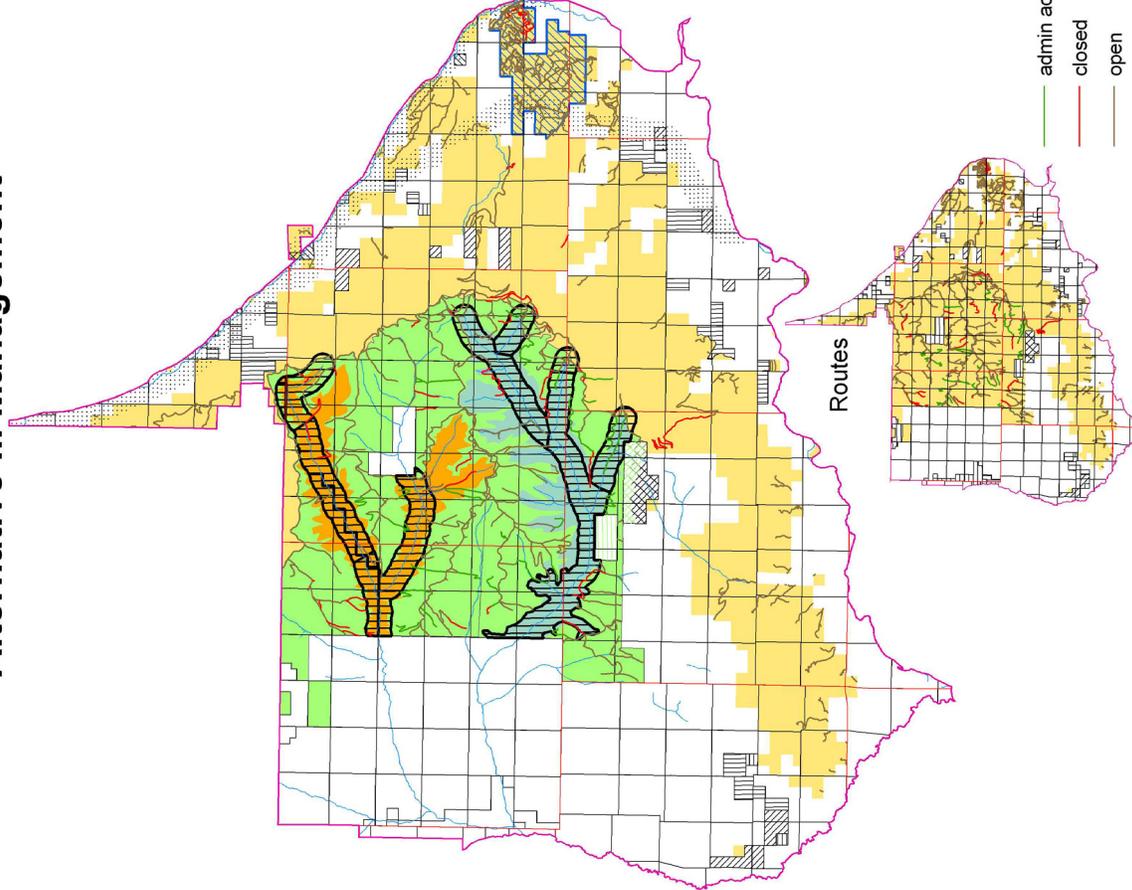
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern



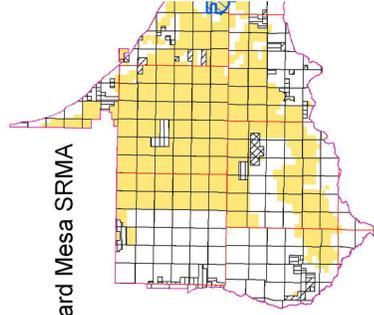
Wild & Scenic River Classification



Routes

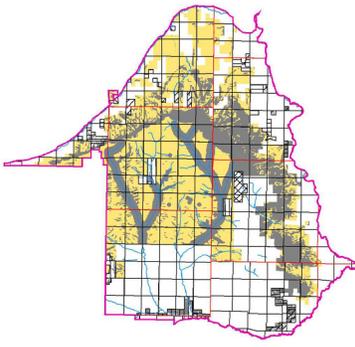


Hubbard Mesa SRMA

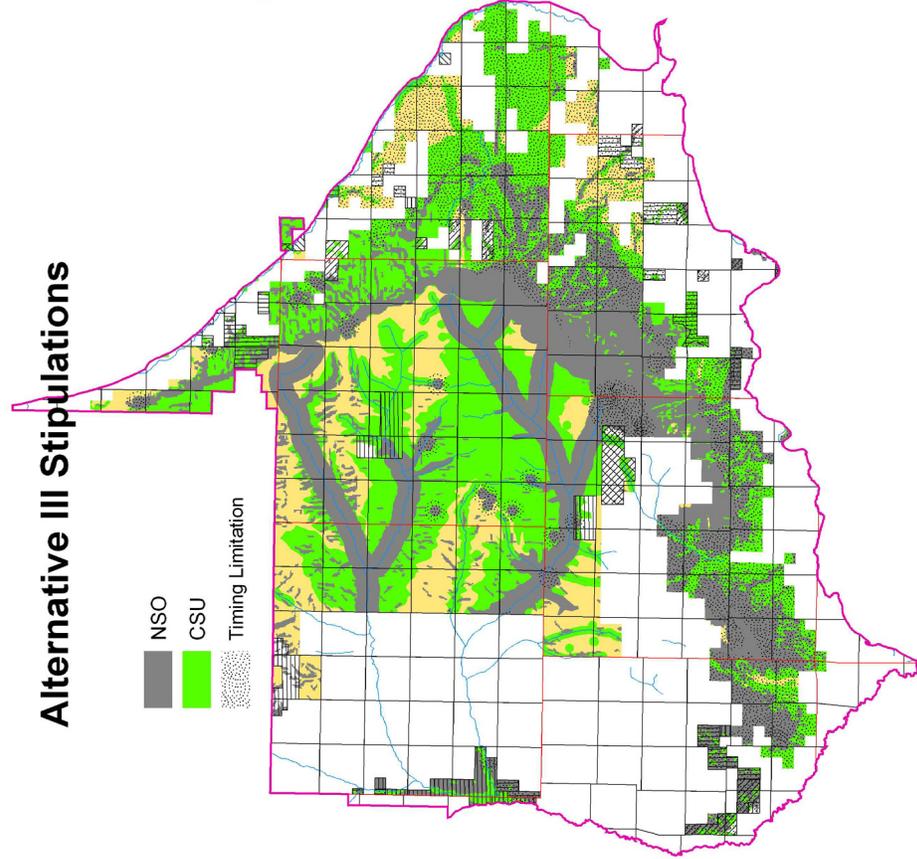


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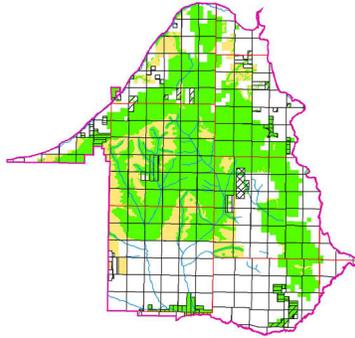


- NSO**
- Wild & Scenic River Classification
 - Riparian & Wetland Zones
 - Major River Corridors
 - Raptors
 - Bald Eagle
 - Peregrine Falcon
 - T & E Species
 - Slopes > 50%
 - I-70 Viewshed
 - Anvil Points Cave Area
 - Fish High Risk Habitat
 - Plants High Risk Habitat

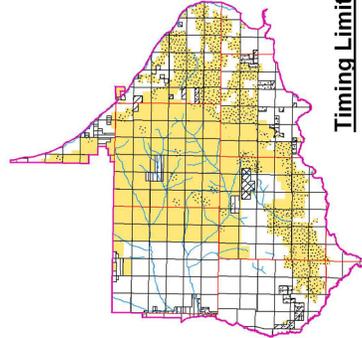


- NSO
- CSU
- Timing Limitation

- Big Game
- Raptor Nesting
- Bald Eagle
- Peregrine Falcon
- Waterfowl & Shore Bird Nesting

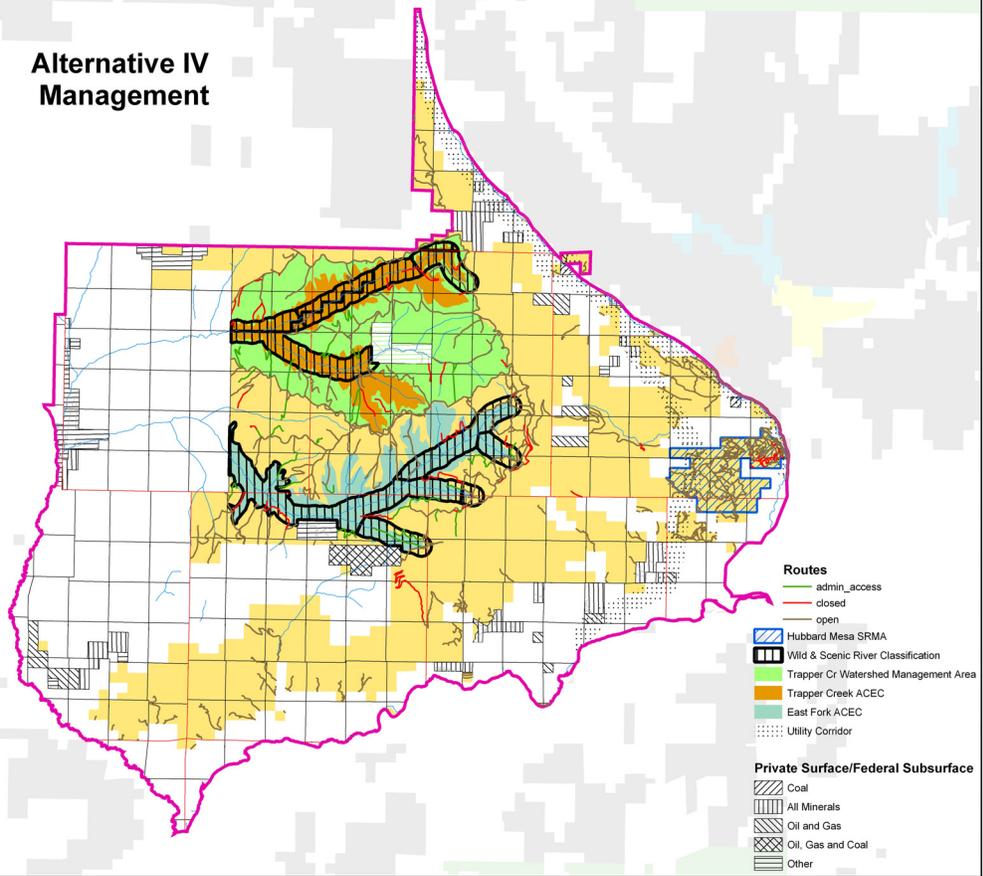


- CSU**
- Riparian & Wetland Zones
 - Sensitive Species & Significant Communities
 - Erosive Soils & Slopes
 - Sharrard Park Paleo
 - VRM Class II
 - Moderate Risk Plant Habitat (East Fork & Trapper Creek)
 - Moderate Risk Fish Habitat
 - Hubbard Mesa Special Mitigation



Timing Limitations

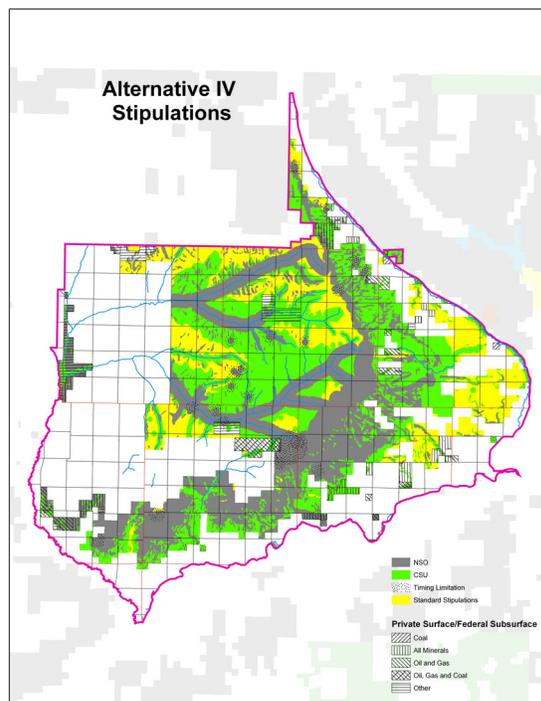
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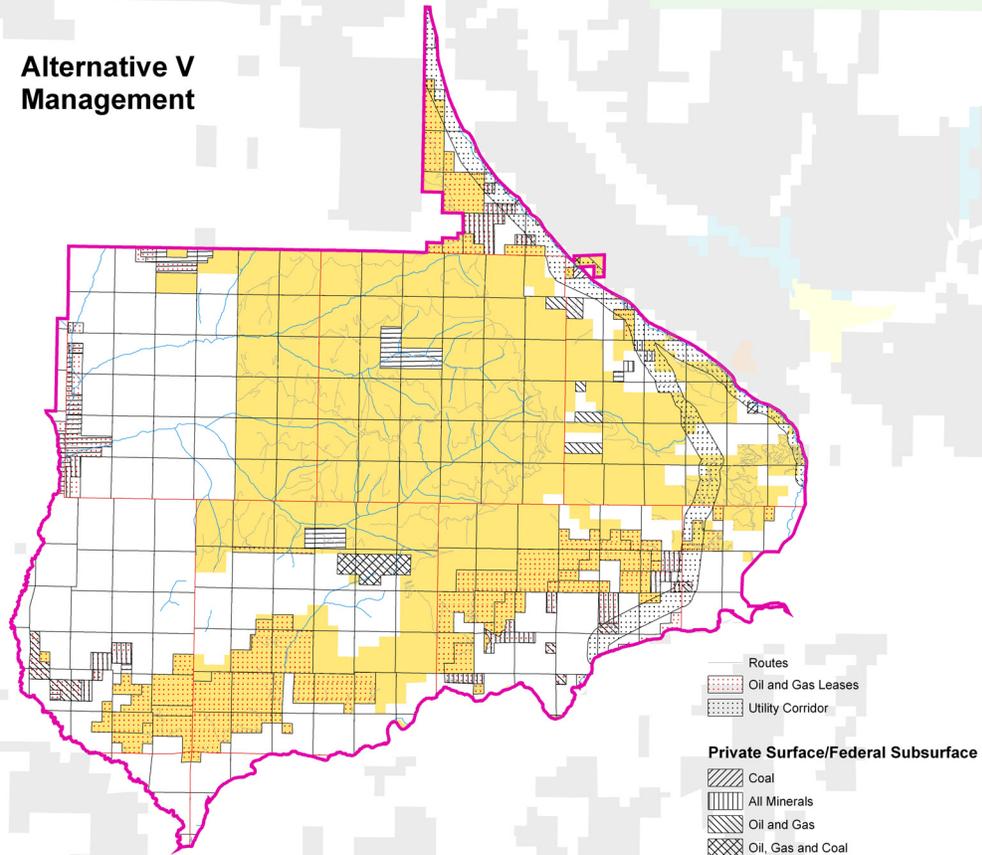
Alternative IV

- All lands (73,602 acres) available for mineral leasing while maintaining key ecological, visual, and recreational values.
- 2 ACECs (11,529 acres)
- Trappers Creek Watershed Management area (14, 219 acres)
- No areas specifically managed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Travel allowed on designated routes except Hubbard Mesa SRMA (2,460 acres) which would be open.
- 2 month big game timing limitation

Alternative IV Stipulations



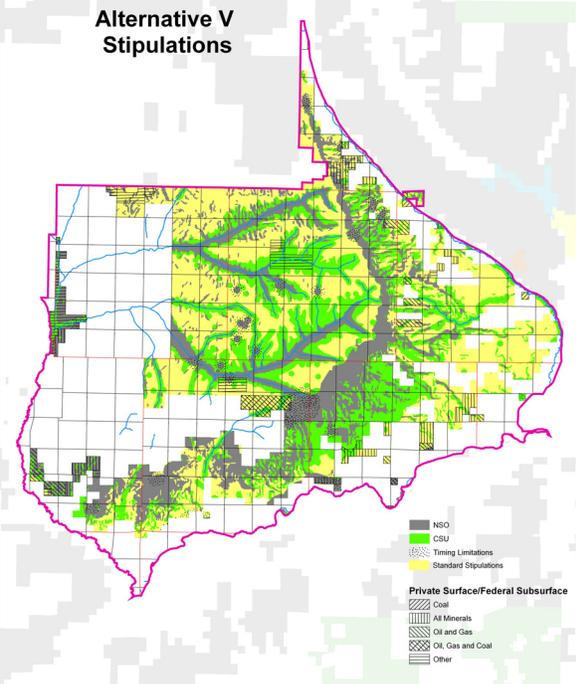
Alternative V Management



Alternative V

- All lands (73, 602 acres) available for leasing
- Emphasis on mineral development while protecting special-status species, steep slopes and fragile soils.
- Travel allowed on designated routes except Hubbard Mesa (2,460 acres) which would be open.

Alternative V Stipulations



Alternatives – Draft to Final

- The alternative that is ultimately adopted in the Proposed RMP Amendment/ Final EIS may contain various components of one or more of the alternatives analyzed in the Draft.

Cooperating Agencies

- The preferred Alternative was developed to address concerns of state and local governments, and the public.
- Additional time was taken to consult and coordinate with Cooperators, & collaboratively develop the Preferred Alternative.
- Cooperators will continue to work with us, and we will jointly host public meetings.

Cooperators Include:

- Colorado Department of Natural Resources (CDNR)
 - Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
 - Colorado Division of Wildlife
 - Colorado State Parks and Recreation
- Garfield County
- Rio Blanco County
- City of Rifle
- Town of Parachute

Documents, Comments & Additional Information

- Copies of the Draft Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment and additional information can be obtained via the internet at: www.roanplateau.ene.com. Click on the tab to request a document. The public can also obtain a copy of the Draft by writing to: Roan RMPA Request, Bureau of Land Management, Glenwood Springs Field Office, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81602.
- The BLM will accept written comments on this Draft RMP Amendment/ EIS which are postmarked or received within 90 days following the notice of its availability in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- The public can submit written comments electronically at via the web-site (click on the comment tab and follow the directions). Comments may also be mailed to: Roan Plateau Comments - Attention Greg Goodenow, at the address shown above.
- BLM will respond to all comments in the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final EIS.